

State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Robert Steele and Tony Peck 1055 North 400 East Nephi, Utah 84648

Re: Follow Up Letter to MN-2011-42-01; Robert Steele and Tony Peck; Nephi Gypsum Quarry;

M/023/0011; Juab County, Utah

Dear Messrs. Steele and Peck:

This letter is in response to your letter dated December 28, 2011, and received by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining January 5, 2012. The Division has also received a request to release a five-acre portion of the mine site that is being used by Nephi Sandstone for purposes not related to mining.

The Division needs to receive written concurrence from the land owner before releasing this area. The concurrence needs to include the following:

- Post mining land use. The landowner should state what the current and future use of the area will be and that the site as it now exists is compatible with those uses.
- The concurrence needs to say that the landowner has no objections to bond release and is willing to accept the site in its current condition.

Notice of Violation MN-2011-42-01 had an abatement date of January 9, 2012. Because of the complications involved with the bond release and the current land use, the Division will give you until February 29, 2012, to resolve these issues.

Please contact Wayne Western (801-538-5263) or me (801-538-5261) if we be of any assistance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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